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FORMER  
VETERANS' DAY

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| 12 | 14 | <del>20</del> | 24 |

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From 15 July 1995

1. – 150 235

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- /illegible/

/?Veljko/

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153 800

Srna /Bosnian Serb Radio and News Agency/ 162 200

Vuk – /?KOSORIĆ/

151 300

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Dr Mira ĐERIĆ

868 094 home

867 684 grandmother

868 177 > Mišo

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Operator 867 – 300 CV /Communications centre/

Dr Boriša STOJANOVIĆ

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/?Tarišan/ 868-179

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|   |                      |             | 5 July 1995           |
|   |                      |             | <u>/Zeleni Jadar/</u> |
| - scouts                                    | = 31 + 2             | T-1/?/0     |                       |
| - 1 <sup>st</sup> mtb /Motorised Battalion/ | = 35                 |             |                       |
| - 2 <sup>nd</sup> mtb                       | = 45                 |             |                       |
| - 3 <sup>rd</sup> mtb                       | = /3/1               |             |                       |
| - 4 <sup>th</sup> mtb                       | = 23                 |             |                       |
| - MB /Mechanised Battalion/                 | = 14 (7 + 6)         | T-500       |                       |
| - Višegrad                                  | = 35 Goražde         | T-150       |                       |
| - command                                   | 7 + 3 communications | /illegible/ |                       |
| - /illegible/                               | = 1                  | T-150       |                       |
| - /Medical Corps/                           | =                    | /Pinzgauer/ |                       |
| - Engineers                                 | <u>= 6</u>           | T-110       |                       |
|   |                      | 187 + 2     |                       |
|   |                      | <u>18</u>   |                       |
|   |                      | (205)       |                       |
| - Šekovići                                  |                      | (140)       |                       |

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= Fuel - ?

= Food

= evacuation - C-Z /civilian protection/ =

- ammunition -

OSA /hand-held anti-tank rocket launcher/ - rockets

MB /mortar/ = -

Zolja /hand-held rocket launcher/ = 4

RB/?C/ /hand-held launcher/ = shells

hand grenades

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= Composition =

- Command
- Pioneer Squad
- Logistics Squad

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1800 hours on 5 July 1995

IKM /Forward Command Post/ of the DK /Drina Corps/ - Bratunac

- preparations – reconnaissance
- bringing troops up – tonight
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- communications in working order – internal
- logistics support – suv /dry rations/
- problems – coordinated action

General KRSTIĆ

This is the focal task of the VRS  
/Army of Republika Srpska/ at the moment

- /?marking/
- Communications standby at 0200 hours on 6 July

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- Coordinated action – a must at all times
- ? - Mark the line reached
- Operations from the air are to be expected
  - Camouflage movement
  - VP /firing positions/
  - m/v /vehicles

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- at 0200 hours – A Sabotage Detachment of the GŠVRS  
/Main Staff of the Army of Republika Srpska/  
will carry out an operation in the Jabučno sector.

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- = Start artillery preparation at 0400 hours
  - = Coordinated action
  - = Mine fields!
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Evacuation of p/o /the sick and wounded/

- Jadar - Skelani

Bajina Bašta

== Own reserves

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9 July 1995

## Tasks for 9 July

- kIk /Captain 1<sup>st</sup> Class/ /P/AJIĆ with an attached platoon (Koka - Goražde) to attack along the following axis:  
Čaurka – Ložnja village and from there join the 1<sup>st</sup> Birač Brigade in action (from the northeast) towards the Koštur feature.
- Major Nemanja and his forces to continue the attack from Čaurka feature from the south side and send a small group of 20 to 30 men in an enveloping action from the west side of the Koštur feature.
- Major ERIĆ and a small group (between 15 to 20 men) of the Skelani Independent Battalion to conduct reconnaissance of the Jasenova – Kiprovo village axis and move the line from

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Jasenova – Kiprovo to the road towards Koštur feature.

- The self-propelled 76-mm gun was moved towards Kiprovo village.
- The Brigade Commander reached the Kiprovo village /illegible/ axis at 1000 hours.
- At around 1030 hours, he joined Major ERIĆ's group in the Bezimeni Vis sector south of Kiprovo village.

The group comprised: Brigade Commander Major ERIĆ, Captain /?Dimitrije/ P/?/IĆ, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Milan STANIĆ, two signalsmen, Sergeant CVIJETIĆ, Private Zdravko GRUJIĆ and 12 soldiers of the Skelani Battalion.

- Movement in the direction of Kiprovo village was ordered by Colonel TRIVIĆ
- Successfully reached the first feature – the cemetery in Kiprovo village

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- From there, the 76-mm SO /self-propelled gun/ was brought up and the line was moved with “local” soldiers.
- At around 1400 hours, the UN compound was seized (around 1,000 huts) in the Slapović village sector.

The compound extends from the north slopes of Živkovo Brdo to the east of the Vagan feature – Orahovica village.

- In the sector of the UN compound, the Brigade Commander and a group of soldiers from the brigade and a group which they had engaged as scouts, captured a UN OT /armoured personnel carrier/ with five soldiers of the Dutch Battalion.
- While setting up security in the area between Živkovo Brdo and Vagan (an important ridge from which Srebrenica opens up (or is protected) ) we came under fire at a small bridge.

On the slopes above the UN compound, /illegible/ was stopped and a line established from Živkovo

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Brdo towards Alibegovac. On that day, both the Koštur feature and Alibegovac were captured.

A BG /Combat Group/ led by Captain PAJIĆ reached Koštur and Alibegovac. Ten UN soldiers were taken prisoner at Alibegovac, but the MTS /materiel and technical equipment/ were taken over by Colonel ANDRIĆ who came to visit his part of the unit and stayed with it.

= Ž/ivkovo/ Brdo – Alibegovac and Grahovica village have been taken.

= A line has been established (to hold the line instead of Legenda's men, I sent 40 soldiers from the Skelani Independent Battalion – taken from the Jasenovo - /?Podravanje/ axis where they were securing the left flank of the 2<sup>nd</sup> rmtbr /Romanija Motorised Brigade/.

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- The decision to change the direction of attack of the 2<sup>nd</sup> rmtbr (specified in an order) and to regroup forces in coordinated action with the 1<sup>st</sup> zpbr as the left adjacent unit and continue the attack along the axis of Orahovica (Vogan - Živkovo Brdo – Pasmulići – Rajne village – Bojna – Srebrenica).
- A lot of time was spent in regrouping forces from the direction of Alibegovac – Lipovac – Šiljato Brdo – Vijogor village to the new axis.
- = From the direction of Braćan - /?Burja/ village, I pulled out one T-55 tank which is now part of BG of the 2<sup>nd</sup> rmtbr.
  - Crew commander Zlajo and the others are very keen

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to fight.

- Major ERIĆ withdrew the offensive operations platoons from the Alibegovac – Slapović village axis (the idč, a platoon of the 1<sup>st</sup> mtb and a platoon of the Višegrad Brigade - /?Koka's group/ of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant /illegible/) and transferred them to the axis of the UN compound – Pusmulici village (Vagan left, Živkovo Brdo right).
- A company of the Skelani Battalion will remain at Bezimeni Vis to protect the left flank and back.
- A company of /?scouts/ continues towards Srebrenica
- At 1500 hours, all platoons were put into action as planned and the /?tank/
- Preparatory fire for attack carried out from tank and strong v/s /weapon/ fire at the /illegible/ line and a vigorous attack

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was launched along the axis of Pusmulići village – Bojna.

- The attack by all units was vigorous – the line was broken, which was followed by a pursuit and an advance from the rear of the enemy forces.
- At around 1800 hours, we reached the following line: asphalt road in the Bojna village sector and proceeded towards the Bojna facility – repeater.
- The left wing and flank security were held by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant SUČEVIĆ.
- The left neighbouring unit was the BG of the 1<sup>st</sup> Birač Brigade which experienced problems because it left from a more distant feature at a later time and sustained casualties at the Vagan feature.
- The right wing was Colonel ANDRIĆ's BG (Željko ŠUK's platoon – the /?4<sup>th</sup>mpb/ /?Majavica Infantry Brigade/ and /illegible/ from the 2<sup>nd</sup> mpb are

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- /illegible/ the BG of the 2<sup>nd</sup> rmtbr on the main axis.
- The right neighbouring unit - Legenda - came out to the right from us at the same time.
- Since the unit to the right of the 1<sup>st</sup> zvpbr /Zvornik Infantry Brigade/ failed to successfully follow the advance of these two units, the units linked up and the flanks secured, and they stopped at the line reached.
- Legenda – peak of the Bojna feature and to the right to the repeater, further right to Banja Guber, a company of the Zvornik Brigade and left of Legenda – the 2<sup>nd</sup> rmtbr towards Stupine village.
- This was the situation during the night between 10 and 11 July.



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The 82-mm and 120-mm MB were moved in the evening to the north of the Bojna village sector.

- The 76-mm SO and four-barrel Bofors /anti-aircraft gun/ were moved to the sector of the repeater.
- A company of the Skelani Independent Battalion was sent from the feature (left wing towards Pribojevići village) to Živkovo Brdo to secure the back of the /?g/s/ /?main forces/.
- I led the whole breakthrough personally, as I did on the previous days.
- I returned to the sector of the Jasenova KM /Command Post/ around 2200 hours.
- At the KM, I found the following
  - the President of the Sokolac SO /Municipal Assembly/
  - the /Chairman of the/ IO /Executive Committee/ of the Sokolac SO
  - priest Milorad LJUBI/?NAC/
  - the Director of Sokolac PTT /Post, Telegraph and Telephone/ Brana ČO/?L/OVIĆ
  - Major Ratko KOPRIVICA
  - Mile ČERA/?N/IĆ, Head of the Sokolac MNO /Ministry of National Defence/ Department
- As of 1530 hours, General MLADIĆ was personally in command at the DK IKM /Forward Command Post/ in Pribićevac.

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0900 hours on 11 July 1995

- The guests who stayed on are the President of the Sokolac Municipal Assembly Milan TUPAJIĆ and PkMVP /Assistant Commander for Moral Guidance and Religious Matters/ KOPRIVICA.
- At 0950 hours, the Drina Corps Commander Major General KRSTIĆ assigned tasks to brigade commanders at the repeater in the Bojna sector.
- The zvpbr – g/s /main forces/ at the Bojna feature – Bezimeni Vis west from Srebrenica (above) to the petrol station and further on to tt /trig. point/ 522.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> rmtbr – g/s – western slopes of the Bojna feature towards elevation 315 – petrol station (right) – left /illegible/ houses in Bojna village - Stupine and elevation west of the petrol station.
- The left flank from Kutlići village is secured by the 1<sup>st</sup> Birač Brigade,

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readiness at 1030 hours.

= The attack began at 1150 hours

- The idč made the most progress, under commander 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant RAJAK and came out below Stupine village very quickly.
- Legenda is very slow (not even trying to break through the line, from which there isn't a sound).
- At around 1300 hours, forces of the 2<sup>nd</sup> rmtbr came out at the line reached.
- Considerable contribution to this success was made by the 76-mm SO from the /illegible/ battalion which fired without missing and destroyed all targets which appeared and which were ordered.

They fired from the road west of the repeater, the sector of Stupine and Fojhar villages.

- Major ERIC and I came out at the north curve (the beginning of the serpentine road)

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towards the Bojna feature and told soldiers from Legenda's unit to bring up the tank.

- Kv /?Platoon Commander/ Maks was there/illegible/, they protested but brought the tank up.
- There was firing on the road.
- The advance of other units from other axes was good.
- At around 1330 hours, General MLADIĆ gave notice to us to get ready and use camouflage (troops and b/s /combat equipment/ as well as MTS /materiel and technical supplies/) because of threat of NATO airstrikes.
- At around 1400 hours, aircraft flew over three times, attacking the road on which the command group, the hardware and we ourselves had been on.

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- At around 1415 hours, Major ERÍĆ and I decided to again set off to the big bend in the road and rouse the troops from Legenda's unit and ours to go on (because units are at a standstill, probably afraid of airstrikes)
- The moment we got up and straightened ourselves, aircraft swooped in and attacked again, this time luckily firing only a burst of fire from a PA /semi-automatic/ cannon on the road.
- There were sparks from the asphalt around us – WE WERE LUCKY.

= After around 30 minutes, we set off as agreed.

- We started moving Legenda's men, Maks and his men, the tank from Legenda's contingent and movement of the idč of the 2<sup>nd</sup> rmtbr.

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From /?his/ feature we moved to Bezimeni Vis above Srebrenica since Legenda's men (and probably Legenda himself) "were inclined" to go to the settlement.

And that is how it was. Between 1600 and 1630 hours from our direction, I transferred Koka's and RAJAK's units and they occupied the elevations to the west above Srebrenica – and Legenda's men set off to Srebrenica.

All of a sudden, hardware appeared from nowhere and 1<sup>st</sup> Birač Brigade Guards as well as cameramen from Šekovići and Colonel ANDRIĆ

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who was constantly by my side – since his unit had been a part of my contingent until yesterday – under the command of Major Nemanja and had a differed direction.

“War games”..!

Since conditions were right to enter Srebrenica with the command group, I entered Srebrenica at around 1700 hours with the Sokolac SO President and the PkVMP.

- Colonel ANDRIĆ was already in Srebrenica with the hardware and cameramen.
- Around 1730 hours, generals MLADIĆ, ŽIVANOVIĆ and KRSTIĆ arrived in Srebrenica.
- I went to him and greeted him.

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I told him that it was interesting that on this day two years ago (nearly at the same time) he entered Trnovo with me – I was also the first one to greet him then and I gave him the flag of the RS /Republika Srpska/.

- He “snapped” at me – “Forget history, go to the men and secure the town.”
- My conclusion was (unspoken) I DON’T KNOW HOW TO DANCE or better yet, I don’t know how to PLAY AN INSTRUMENT, I only know how to dance to someone else’s tune.
- I don’t know how to cash in – to sell my success.



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- Units of the brigade remained at the line reacheds, securing Srebrenica from the west.
- Regardless of everything, we were happy and returned to the KM in Jasenova.
- People were surrendering, they were gathered in Potočari village, but not the ABH /Army of Bosnia and Herzegovina/ - it fled to the hills.

0900 hours 12 July 1995

Repeater Bojna

- PK /Assistant Commander/ VIČIĆ announced the task to brigade commanders
- Continue the attack on the following axes:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Birač /Brigade/ - Bajramovići village – Jastrebača
- 2<sup>nd</sup> rmtbr – Stupine – Kutlići village – Jahorina
- 1<sup>st</sup> zpbr – in reserve

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- Down to the town
- The town is full of soldiers
- Looting of the highest order – like vultures
- I barely managed to convince the men that the task must be completed
- Readiness at 1300 hours
- The units set off

We left in columns along the road at around 1850 hours to the s/i /northeast/ slopes of Jahorina

- We came across a crowd of refugees; they all fled to the woods except for an old man.
- General KRSTIĆ came to the sector of Vijogor village

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I asked that the 1<sup>st</sup> Birač Brigade go to Jastrebača too

KRSTIĆ said “Well, go then.”

“Do you want someone else to do it for you?”

= I replied after I realized that he was not going to be principled towards everyone (as he makes himself out to be) as he is towards me “I REALLY AM AN INEPT COMMANDER” (Thinking it was better to say nothing and even make false reports than to be an honest playee in a “game” for human lives.)

- This is the way to make a military career!
- I, however, can't do it!

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- Order:

Remain at the line reached

- the brigade commanders are to come to the DK IKM in Bratunac by 2100 hours via Srebrenica and Potočari (the Bratunac Brigade KM)

- General MLADIĆ came at 2200 hours

- after congratulations and greetings (despite the fact that Vinko PANDUR/ŠEVIĆ/ and I warned him that the soldiers should rest) he ordered:

- By 0800 hours tomorrow, General KOSTIĆ must prepare a decision for the liberation of Žepa!

- Standby on the morning of 14 July.

- Deadline to liberate the Žepa enclave - two days.

- We need to take advantage of this moment of confusion, both of the international community and the enemy.

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In the morning of 13 July, at 1000 hours, General MLADIĆ will personally address the soldiers in the Vijogor village sector at the line reached.

= Dinner in the barracks restaurant – the Bratunac Brigade command.

- At around 2300 hours, I spoke with Brankica and agreed with the command and her that she would head home with Teo, to /?her/ parents in Kasindol.
- She should get in touch with the command in Knežina.
- Return to the sector, the Jasenova KM at around 0030 hours.
- Problems:

- How to  
evacuate?
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- War booty – organize for the needs of the brigade
  - looted goods (by individuals for themselves)

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Wednesday

13 July 1995 – 1000 hours

Vijogor village

- General MLADIĆ addressed the soldiers – the task is clear – liberate Žepa. He was received with unanimous approval of soldiers, although after he left, there were individual complaints due to fatigue and so on, but the main concern is how to evacuate the captured goods.
- I assigned tasks:
  1. Major ERIĆ is to go to Bratunac and bring three buses to transport troops. The transport is to commence at 1750 hours from the Jasenova sector
  2. During this time, pull the troops out to the Jasenova sector and prepare for relocation to the Kreštalica village sector, Krivača /illegible/ Han Pijesak.

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- 3. To organize transport of all captured (looted) MS /materiel/ to the Knežine sector, the PKM /Rear Command Post/ and store it there until the Žepa assignment is completed and then deal with the distribution.
- 4. Make lists of soldiers who are not fighting, who are at the IKM or PKM (guarding the booty) and the rest because there are indications that there are men who are absent without authorization.
- 5. Route of the march:

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| column<br>leader<br>Major<br>ERIC   | 1. Jasenova village – Podravanje – Derventa – Milići – Han Pijesak – Kreštalica village for troops and hardware and logistics part of the BG PoOB /Logistics Support/ |
| column<br>leader<br>Captain 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Class<br>PAJIĆ and<br>PODINIĆ. | 2.<br>Evacuation of<br>logistics<br>sections and<br>captured<br>materiel<br>from Han<br>Pijesak and<br>continuing to Knežina  |

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- Troops arrived in Kreštalica village at around 1950 hours
  - Hardware arrived after midnight
  - The logistics segment came in the morning but the bulk of war booty ended up in private homes
- = Take measures later!



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## TO DO

- Light-bulbs, big and small
  - 5 big
  - 5 small
- For Vlado
  - pyjamas
  - one undershirt
- One light fitting – balcony
- Detergent – one bag
- For Mirko
  - swim trunks
  - tracksuit
- Telephone
- Cigarettes
- Small presents – for New Year
- Drinks
- Fruit drink concentrate
- Haircut
- Toilet paper

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| - /illegible/ =        | 300  |
| - light-bulbs          | 25   |
| 25                     |      |
| - small                |      |
| - big                  | 25   |
| - pyjamas              | 20   |
| - undershirt           | 12   |
| - light fitting        |      |
| - detergent            | 35   |
| - antenna              | 130  |
| - swim trunks          | 50   |
| - tracksuit            | 150  |
| - telephone            | 62   |
| - cigarettes – two     | 50   |
| cartons                |      |
| - presents             | 50   |
| - drinks – beer...     | 40   |
| - lemon /?vodka/       | 20   |
| - 2 litres /?wine/     | 20   |
| - 4 litres /illegible/ | 10   |
| - juice                | 35   |
| - /?haircut/           | 10   |
| - toilet paper         | 10   |
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The Lord's Prayer  
Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

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Saturday, 29 July 1995

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are not keeping up with the pace of the brigade units.

- After reaching the plateau, the idč Commander Nešo reported on the movements of the Turks – they have been taken by surprise – he asked that the adjacent units hurry up and that we chase them.
- The adjacent units are not keeping up
- The plateau was marked by burning hay

Army Main Staff Commander > congratulations  
 Drina Corps Commander –

= We do not control the road via the Bukovik and Smre/??/

- Night is falling and units are linking up and securing themselves on their own
- The attack along the Zlovrh axis is planned to continue tomorrow

= At the IKM in Borak village - rest

- wash feet and body behind tents

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with a battalion of the Bratunac Brigade.

- the idč is taking the shortest route from the northwest and opening the way for other units.
- The next relocation of the mortar is in the Borak sector
- The next relocation of b/s and the KM is in the Borak sector

= At 1400 hours, units of the brigade reached the sector of the Debelo Brdo plateau.

There is no one to the left (as planned, because the unit engaged from the Vlasenica Brigade – assault forces – is going for the Strmica feature) or adjacent unit to the right.

Physical connection with the adjacent unit to the right exists, but those further from our right wing

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- the okb commander (Captain MITROVIĆ) to send, or rather have on stand-by, b/s /combat equipment/ for operations and relocation to the Borak sector and following infantry during combat.
- The 20-mm single-barrel anti-aircraft gun and crew are to set off with the tank

= At around 1100 hours, in our vehicle with Major ERIĆ, we drove along the damaged section of the road (repair has nearly been completed).

- At the Borak feature, I assigned tasks to officers to continue the attack and seize the Debelo Brdo feature.

= Regulated the flank security

To the left – a platoon of the 65<sup>th</sup> zmtp and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant VRANJEŠ

To the right – physical connection



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- At 2345 hours, the DK IKM reported that the start of the attack has been delayed.

Friday, 28 July 1995

Assigned tasks to the Engineer unit and Captain PODINIĆ to repair the damaged section of the road between Brložnik village (canyon) and Borak village.

- a crane was brought from Han Pijesak
- preparations of materiel from the previous day was conducted

= With Major ERIĆ and Captain PAJIĆ, who stayed with the unit at Borak, I planned the next operations along the Borak – Debelo Brdo – Žepske Kolibe – Zlovrh axis.

= The KS Commander and the PkPo (PODINIĆ) to relocate the KM to the Godenje sector.

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3. The KAG /Corps Artillery Group/ to immediately start artillery fire on the Zlovrh and Završje sectors and other features on the Zlovrh plateau, /?Brloška/ Planina and Radava.
4. Maintain the front towards Kladanj, Živinice and other parts of the zone of responsibility of the DK.
5. PVO /Anti-aircraft Defence/ weapons on standby in the zone of operations tomorrow.

Order to units of the brigade

1. Conveyed
  - readiness
  - vigilance and security of the b/r /combat formation/ during the night
  - vigilance and stepped up vigilance on axes where a breakthrough towards Kladanj is possible
  - distribute food by 0600 hours
  - repair section of damaged road between the villages of Brložnik and Purčići
  - move the IKM to the Godenje sector

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= Reference points were set on the Debelo Brdo and Zlovrh features with the 5<sup>th</sup> map Commander.

= Awaiting orders for further operations.

- At around 1400 hours, linked up with the neighbour to the right (a battalion of the Bratunac Brigade).

= At 1540 hours, an order came from the DK IKM to prepare artillery fire on the Štitkov Do and Zlovrh sectors – at 1800 hours.

- fire to be opened according to the list and an order will be issued by the Commander of the GŠV /?Main Staff of the Army/.

= 2200 hours            Order of the DK Commander

1. /?Check/ all measures of vigilance and combat security during the night
2. Stand by to continue attack according to the initial order for attack at 0600 hours on 28 July

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27 July 1995

At 0900 hours, the DK Commander issued an order that the Purtići village – Borak line must be occupied, on the eastern edge towards Buković (feature).

- At 0930 hours, the feature was occupied as ordered, and part of the unit under the command of Major KUSMUK from Bezimeni Vis feature (s/z /northwest/ of Strmica) was sent to the northwest slopes of Borak feature to seal off the canyon /?that leads/ from the Debelo Brdo feature.

- At 1030 hours, the line of the brigade was marked by setting fire to houses.

- the DK Commander said that the position was excellent
- must be ready to continue the attack according to the initial order
- the Turks are preparing for a breakthrough, not to surrender

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26 July 1995

In the evening on 25 July 1995, at around 2100 hours, the map /Mixed Artillery Regiment/ Commander told me that the village of Purtići in the zone of the brigade had been torched – in front of the line.

The DK IKM asked that I take measures to prevent torching of houses and that I am responsible for such actions:

- I visited the unit and established that it was done by a Company of the Bratunac Brigade which came as reinforcements the night before.

In the morning, another order from the DK Commander that I look into who torched the houses and why, to take measures and report to him about it.

- 0945 hours: An order came from the DK Commander that it is most strictly prohibited to torch houses – brigade commanders are responsible
- between 1400 and 1750 hours, with Captain 1<sup>st</sup> Class PAJIĆ, I went to the bridge in the Žepa sector and met with Colonel ANDRIĆ
- The evacuation of civilians is proceeding slowly.

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2145 hours

on 26 July

Order and announcement from the DK IKM

- be prepared to continue the attack
- there are indications that the TURKS /Bosnian Muslims/ want to leave with UNPROFOR or attempt a breakthrough in certain directions
- BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE THE ATTACK

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2 We received the task to form a brigade for the 2<sup>nd</sup> KK /Krajina Corps/ (Drina Corps)

- We must carry out that task

# battalions to be given by:

- Bratunac Brigade
- Milići Brigade
- Zvornik Brigade
- PoOb – every brigade its own

Support:

- each brigade is to have a mortar platoon
- Brigade Command:
- Lieutenant Colonel OGNJENOVIC
- Major Novica PAJIC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> rmtbr
- RT/?/ /expansion unknown/ > No
- Communications

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- during the night, replenishment /illegible/
  - /?security/ ✓
  - medical ✓
  - transport ✓

= Conduct triage

- blisters
- illness

- I strictly prohibit torching of houses !

- Territory in the sector between Žepa and Brložnik will be checked by the 65<sup>th</sup> zmtg
  - pull out MTS and livestock ✓

= Search to begin at 0800 hours on 27 July; deadline by 1400 hours on 28 July at the line of the following task.



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- watch out for minefields
    - SnOb /Medical Support/ - to be organised faultlessly
  - stretchers
  - doctor
    - Do not tow means of support (standing by)
  - two b/k /combat sets/ of small arms ammunition
  - grenades
  - sd/o /combat rations/ for two days
  - drinking water
  - men for taking away and bringing in
  - /illegible/ and /?lateral/ reconnaissance
    - mainly /illegible/ /?columns/
  - units from the other direction – commucations with them
- goal      —→    Podravanje, Braćan, Rupovo Brdo and Višnjica

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- The idč has been pulled out of combat at the line reached and accommodation was organised for it around one kilometer behind the front-line.
- Communications with superior and subordinate units are working.

1900 hours 26 July 1995

DK Commander

- The evacuation is proceeding according to plan
- So far, around two-thirds of inhabitants, the rest are boarding /the vehicle/ now
- Some other problems have appeared
  - fear of /?acting/

= Order to search

- standby at 0800 hours on 27 July
- no changes
- begin searches simultaneously from the lines where the units are

= Important – communications KDK /Drina Corps Command/ - brigade comands

– internal communications

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- A group of 60 soldiers from the Bratunac Brigade, with 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant ZEKIĆ, came at around 2100 hours as reinforcements.

Brought up with the other soldiers:

- a platoon of the Prača Battalion with Commander Veljko (25 men)
  - a platoon of the 65<sup>th</sup> zmtb (40 men and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant VRANJEŠ)
  - the idč of the 2<sup>nd</sup> rmtbr (32)
  - seven men of the 4<sup>th</sup> mtb with 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant /?MILIODOVIĆ/
  - 60 men from the Bratunac Brigade
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The night passed all right.

#### 25 July

- There were no combat operations
- The order to cease fire and fortify line reacheds is being observed.
- Work on evacuating enemy civilians and wounded is being supervised.
- Organisational replenishment with MTS and ammunition and INT /quartermaster/ MS /materiel/ supplies (cigarettes, food, equipment and so on).

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our side of the canyon, only the bridgehead was established by nightfall.

24 July - the breakthrough was launched at around 0830 hours

- By 1800 hours, in several waves and with sound preparation, bunkers on the line of defence on the other side of the canyon were destroyed.
- Between 1730 and 1930 hours, there was fierce fighting for Purtići village.
- There is no left or right neighbouring unit.
- Reached the first houses in Purtići village.
- By 2100 hours, we were stopped at the line reached and set up a flexible defence.

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very sharply, in fact insolently and brutally (doubting the accuracy of the report and RiK /control and command/ and the wishes of the command and troops) assigned a task to set apart the idč (comprising 30 men) from the brigade by 1400 hours and launch a breakthrough from the bridgehead of the canyon on the axis of Purtići village.

= Since the forces (the zntp Prača Platoon and MLADIĆ's escort (eight soldiers of the zntp and ZRNIĆ) again crossed over to

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22 July

- Together with the assault troops, an attack was launched on the ordered axis.
- We failed to break through the line
- Pressure from /?superior officers/ and General MLADIĆ to make a breakthrough at all cost

23 July During the morning, the BG was reorganised and preparations were made for a breakthrough

- At around 1030 hours, at the DK IKM General KRSTIĆ

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forces for offensive operations (idč and assault troops while Koka – the men from Goražde are going to Brezova Ravan) and to leave only troops securing the crossing in the canyon (a platoon of the Preča Battalion).

21 July – the idč and assault troops have been pulled out to the Bezimeni Vis – Borak village axis.

- linked up with other soldiers of the brigade at Bezimeni Vis (according to TKT /secret commanding of troops/ Karibi /?feature/ 31) .

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- In the evening, a truce was signed – the surrender of the inhabitants of Žepa – cessation of operations was ordered at around 1900 hours.

20 July 1995

- Agreement on the protocol on the enemy's surrender.

20 July 1995 – in the evening, preparations for 21 July and continuation of operations along the ordered axis.

21 July

General KRSTIĆ ordered us to pull out



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Course of operations:

- 18 July – a group of six scouts (RAJAK, Nešo, Željko, Savo PIŠIĆ, Đorđe KRAJIŠNIK and Zlatomir SIMOVIĆ) was inserted into the canyon sector towards k. 605.

- 19 July → Wednesday

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The idč, a platoon of the Prača Battalion in the direction of Godenje village – Pogonj feature and left of Godenje – Palež to the left - soldiers of the

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Vlasenica and Višegrad brigades.

- During the day, we failed to pass through the canyon.

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3. Dragan ARBINJA - Čado

- date: 21 July around 2030 hours
- 1<sup>st</sup> mtb
- place: same as Milijan
- entry-exit wound of right shoulder

4. Slaviša JAKŠIĆ

- idč (entry-exit wound)
- time: 21 July 1995 at around 1100 hours
- wounded during pullout from the sector of the Rijeka canyon below Pogonj hill in the direction of Godenje village

5. Mitar BOJOVIĆ – 1<sup>st</sup> mtb

- place: Godenje
- time: around 2330 hours on 19 July – run over by a car (probably a Puch)

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2. Injured

1. Milijan TRIPUNOVIĆ

Sergeant (2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant)

- Deputy Commander of the 3rd mtb

- place: Paprat/?/ /?Njive/ (general area of Brložnić village – beneath Strmica feature)

- time: around 1300 hours

- date: 17 July 1995

2. Željko ŠUKA, Sergeant

Commander of vABHO /Atomic-Biological-Chemical Defence Platoon/

- place: same as Milijan

- date: 19 July

- time: around 1500 hours

- entry–exit wound through the chest

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a) Guests:

|                                 |                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Since 14 July                   | Prača Battalion | 25        |
| 65 <sup>th</sup> zntp (3/2 mtb) |                 | 40        |
| Since 24 July                   | Bratunac        | 60        |
|                                 |                 | <hr/> 125 |

Total:

298

Loses:

3. Killed:

# 1. Milanko ĐERIĆ

idč

- time: around 2000 hours

- sector: from k. /elevation/ 605 - river canyon towards Purtići village, north of Pogonj hill

- date: 24 July 1995

- evacuated to the BGŠ /?Main Staff Hospital/ - Sokolac

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25 July 1995

Recapitulation:

Numerical strength:

b) from the brigade

1. Purtići

|                           |    |    |
|---------------------------|----|----|
| - tank platoon            |    | 11 |
| - mortar platoon          | 8  |    |
| - engineers               | 6  |    |
| - idč                     | 34 |    |
| - 4 <sup>th</sup> mtb     | 8  |    |
| - 20-mm single-barrel PAT |    | 3  |
| /anti-aircraft gun/       | 67 |    |
| - S-2M / hand-held anti-  | 11 |    |
| aircraft rocket launcher/ | 81 |    |

2. Strmica

|                       |    |    |
|-----------------------|----|----|
| - čVP                 | 6  |    |
| - had                 | 5  |    |
| - 3 <sup>rd</sup> mtb | 10 |    |
| - 4 <sup>th</sup> mtb | 35 |    |
| - 1 <sup>st</sup> mtb |    | 14 |
|                       | 70 |    |

3. KS Command and Logistics

|                          |   |    |
|--------------------------|---|----|
| - communications company |   | 4  |
| - command                | 4 |    |
| - KS                     | 5 |    |
| - logistics              | 7 | 22 |
| - medical unit           | 2 |    |

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1100 hours on 23 July 1995

“Interrogation”

Task:

1. Leave part of the forces at Bezimeni Vis under Strmica, and attack forces in the /?canyon/ sector

Task:

Purtići village!

Deadline until 1400 hours to bring the forces to the bridgehead!

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|                              |        |     |
|------------------------------|--------|-----|
| Medical unit - doctor        |        |     |
| - driver                     |        | 3   |
| - medic                      |        |     |
| Platoon from Prača Battalion |        | 25  |
| Platoon from the zntp        |        | 40  |
| m/v /vehicles/               | TOTAL: | 210 |
| Puch /jeep/                  | 1      |     |
| Communications vehicle       | 1      |     |
| Ambulance                    | 1      |     |
| T-110 (idč, engineers, okb)  | 3      |     |
| TAM-5000 (MB)                | 1      |     |
| T-150                        | 2      |     |
| T-2000                       | 1      |     |

- Returning:
- Major ERIĆ
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant SUČEVIĆ
  - troops of the 1<sup>st</sup> mtb (infantry and mortar)
  - officers of the 4<sup>th</sup> mtb
  - from Logistics

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|  |                      |                 |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|
| Headquarters Administration                              |                      |                 |
| - commander's driver                                     |                      |                 |
| - two soldiers   |                      |                 |
| - two signalsmen + driver                                |                      |                 |
| Logistics section      – three drivers                   |                      |                 |
| – one for /?rmr/ /?strategic war reserves/               |                      |                 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Platoon of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Battalion |                      | 30              |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Platoon of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Battalion |                      | 10              |
| čVP /Military Police Company/                            |                      | 6 8             |
| Had /Howitzer Battalion/                                 |                      | 5 7             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Platoon – idč                            |                      | 32              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> mtb                                      |                      | 15              |
| Mortar Company   | - 2 82-mm mortar – 1 | 8               |
|  | - 120-mm mortar – 1  |                 |
| /?O/M /?armoured mechanised/ Platoon    2 T-55 /tanks/   |                      | 12              |
| Engineers  |                      | 5 + /illegible/ |



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Plan for further engagement of forces:

1. Composition of the BG

a. Commander

Major Zdravko KUSMUK

b. Deputy Commander

Lieutenant Marinko RAJAK

c. PkPo /Assistant Commander for Logistics/ - at the same time R  
/expansion unknown/

- R

d. Brigade IKM

- commander

- NOBP /Chief of Intelligence and Security/

- KS /Headquarters Administration/ Commander

- Chief of Communications

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Search the terrain

- be prepared to tow the mortar squad behind us

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0900 hours on 20 July 1995

Godenje village

- At positions:

1. Bezimeni Vis

1<sup>st</sup> mtb – 45

2<sup>nd</sup> mtb –

3<sup>rd</sup> mtb – 10

4<sup>th</sup> mtb – 30

idč – 30

MBč /mortar company/ – 15

Logistics –

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Procedure: evacuation from Žepa!

1000 hours – the wounded

1100 hours – Sjeversko – buses

1200 hours – disarm soldiers - Žepa

- stay at the line reached until further notice

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- = hammer the Strmica feature to prolong the attack by the 2<sup>nd</sup> rmtbr
- = 2<sup>nd</sup> rmtbr must take Borak village
- = Take all measures of b/d /combat operations/
- keep the features under fire all night
- = Start the attack at 0800 hours on 17 July

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- Žepa: we have not started the decisive attack on the enclave yet
- e must enter Žepa by 1400 hours tomorrow

By  
0900 hours  
firing

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PAD for  
launching aerial bombs  
to come tomorrow  
to Gusinac  
Mitar KOMLENOVIĆ  
to report to Rogatica at 0800 hours

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- part of the Muslims' 28<sup>th</sup> Division has crossed the /?canyon/ Karakaj – Crni Vrh and reached the Bajkovica sector (around 2,000 soldiers)
- They are cut off
- They took three 90-mm SO (setting two on fire) and one SO is firing on the /?zone/

= They failed to link up with forces in the Kalesija sector and Tuzla

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- Eight policemen have been taken prisoner – there is blackmail

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Major General KRSTIĆ

1. The VRS VK /Supreme Command/ has decided that eastern parts of RS /Republika Srpska/ must be liberated from the TURKS /derogatory for Bosnian Muslims/.
2. The brilliant victory in Srebrenica is the biggest boost to morale.
3. The situation in the Srebrenica – Birač enclave
  - small groups of civilians
  - small armed groups
 the 1<sup>st</sup> mlpbr /1st Milići Light Infantry Brigade/ and brlpbr /1<sup>st</sup> Bratunac Light Infantry Brigade/ - to search /the terrain/
4. The situation in the z/o /zone of responsibility/ of the 1<sup>st</sup> zpbr /Zvornik Infantry Brigade/ is very complex.



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2000 hours on 16 July 1995

|                                      |                 |                                   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                      | Krivače village | Solila                            |
|                                      | Han Pijesak     |                                   |
| Numerical strength                   |                 |                                   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> mtb                  | 30              |                                   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> mtb                  | 15              |                                   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> mtb                  | 11              |                                   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> mtb                  | 21              |                                   |
| Engineers                            | 5               |                                   |
| idč/Reconnaissance and Sabotage      | 25              |                                   |
| Company/                             |                 |                                   |
| MB /Mechanised Battalion/            | 15              |                                   |
| čv /Communications Company/          | 5               |                                   |
| Logistics                            | 8               |                                   |
| Command                              | 7               |                                   |
| ks /headquarters administration/     | 5               |                                   |
| okb /Armoured Battalion/             | 11              |                                   |
|                                      | 156             |                                   |
| /?Paljani/                           | 25              | /?Prača/ - Veljko                 |
| zntp /Motorised Protection Regiment/ | 40              | ppor /2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant/ |
|                                      |                 | VRANJEŠ                           |
|                                      | 221             |                                   |

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- villages - /illegible/

18 July 1995

REFERENCE POINTS

- Ref. point - 1 – highest tree outside /?Koka/
- Ref. point - 2 – tree with few branches
- Ref. point - 3 – pyramid-shaped tree at Strmica

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- Ref. point -1 – wooden house
  - Ref. point - 2 – tree in front of forest
  - Ref. point - 3 – red house

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Srebrenica!

Žepa – 14 – 29 July